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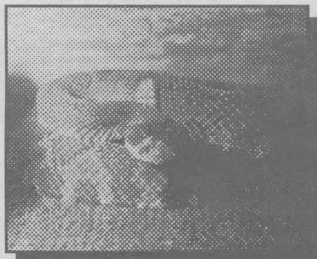
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Scene



Rattlesnake season is here, watch your step!

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Outdoors



Climbers rock-out at Yellowjacket Tower.

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Sports



Intramurals wrap up spring season.

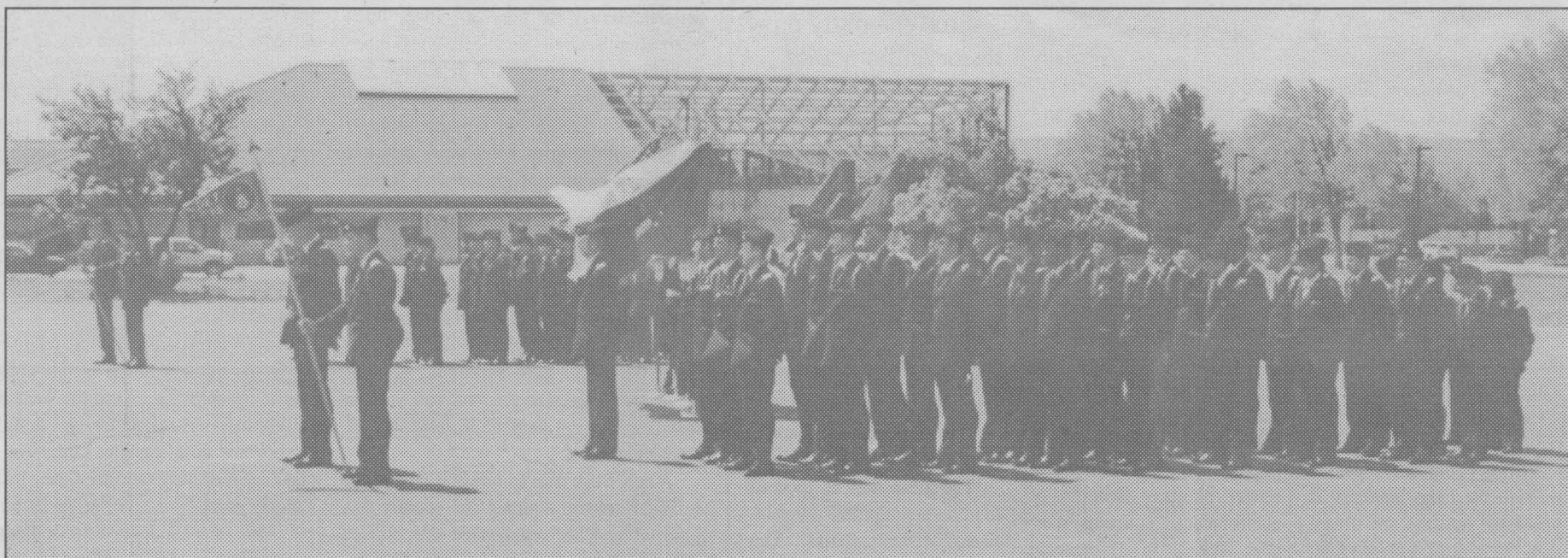
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Matt Erickson/Observer

ROTC holds ceremony to commemorate years at Central and honor cadets

Air Force and Army ROTC cadets stand in formation to honor President McIntyre at the 13th Annual Presidential Day Retreat and Awards Presentation held last Saturday. The cadets participated in a military parade and inspection in front of approximately 200 spectators. State and local organizations presented awards to individual cadets. The ceremony was also a commemoration of the Air Force ROTC's 50th year and the Army ROTC's 20th year at Central.



"Quality of Life" Building Committee announces timeline

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Current Central students have taken the effort to improve campus life for future students. The "Quality of Life" Building Committee, with the help of 1,600 survey participants and the nearly 200 students involved in focus groups, have prepared a plan to present to the Board of Trustees (BOT) at their June meeting for a new student union and recreation center.

The plan is to build two connected but separate buildings. One building will be intended for recreational use and the other to replace the SUB.

The separate facilities will not be built at the same time. The recreation building is slated for

construction first.

"Students surveyed said they wanted the rec building first, probably because we don't have anything like it right now," Maren Oates, ASCWU president and committee chair, said.

Opening as early as 2004, the recreation center might house things such as: basketball/multi-purpose courts, a weight room, cardiovascular equipment, an indoor track and climbing wall.

Construction of the recreation center would cost in the area of \$22 million dollars. Students enrolled from the time the facility opened would pay \$64 per quarter.

The new student union would be built next and open in 2006.

Besides all of the things available in the SUB, requests have been made for a day care, copy

center, post office and banking services.

The student union building will be more expensive to build. The \$38 million dollar price tag requires a \$95 dollar fee per quarter for students enrolled when the building opens.

These facilities will help Central compete with Washington State University and Western Washington University in recruitment, which have built similar facilities.

"Anything that contributes to the appearance of campus and campus life is a factor in recruitment and retention," Oates said.

The BOT will make the final decisions on the size and costs of the projects. Their approval will set the stage for the planning and design of the buildings.

Online voting was a popular polling location



Mark Kendrick
Chair of
Election
Committee

After studying the log files from the online election system, I have learned more about Central's students than the voting system itself.

I was glad to see that online voting itself was successful. Two hundred and seventy six students, or 31 percent of the voters, used the online system. That makes it the second most popular polling site, next to the SUB, where about 350 students voted. This is especially surprising given the frustrating and difficult system of GroupWise

registration required to authorize the voters.

Yet, overall voter turnout was not significantly increased from previous years. I was hoping online voting would make the elections more accessible and therefore more popular, especially at the extended degree centers. That was not the case. Central averages about 10 percent voter turnout, and this year with 876 voters was no exception.

As far as I can tell from the log files, no more than 10 to 15 people voted online from the centers, and even that is an optimistic estimate.

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Chemistry professor receives grant from light manufacturer

by Jacquelyn Diteman
Staff reporter

Central Washington University chemistry professor Anthony Diaz recently received a \$40,000 grant from Sylvania to conduct research into improving phosphors for use in mercury-free lighting and flat-screen televisions.

Sylvania is the North American operation of OSRAM GmbH of Germany, one of the world's leading manufacturers of lighting products for industrial and commercial users. The company received a grant, totaling \$300,000 from the United States Department of Energy (DOE).

Phosphors are ceramic oxide powders painted onto the inside of fluorescent lamps. The powders give off light when they absorb energy from the mercury-plasma discharge taking place in the lamp.

All fluorescent lamps currently use mercury. When an electrical current passes through the lamp, mercury is vaporized into the arc stream and generates ultra-violet light. When the ultraviolet light strikes the lamp's phosphor coating, it is converted to

visible light.

Sylvania is trying to find alternative methods for lighting because mercury damages the environment. When the bulbs burn out and are disposed of, the mercury leaks into the soil and pollutes rivers and lakes. Fish are exposed to the mercury which can concentrate in the tissue of humans or wildlife eating the fish. If contaminated fish are eaten on a regular basis, mercury concentrations can become high enough to cause damage to a human's central nervous system, especially children.

Approximately one-third of the mercury entering the atmosphere comes from natural sources. The remaining two-thirds is caused by human activity, such as burning coal or using mercury in products.

It is important to point out that fluorescent lighting is a better choice economically and environmentally because it reduces the amount of mercury released into the atmosphere from coal-burning power plants. Because of environmental concerns, mercury doses in fluorescent lamps have been reduced by as much as four times over the past 15 years.



photo courtesy of University Relations

Central chemistry professor Anthony Diaz.

Diaz will conduct research to find a way to make the phosphors stand up to the harsher environment found in xenon tubes, rather than mercury ones.

He added that is one of the problems with the current generation of flat screen television sets using xenon-discharge technology. He pointed out that the brightness significantly drops off after three years.

The grant will be used to fund both equipment purchases and student salaries. The equipment purchases will take place over the next few months.

The history of Memorial Day

by Jacquelyn Diteman
Staff reporter

This weekend marks the first Memorial Day of the millennium. It is the holiday that starts off the feel of summer. The barbecues are dusted off, the kegs are filled, music drifts through the air from house to house and friends get together to make new memories.

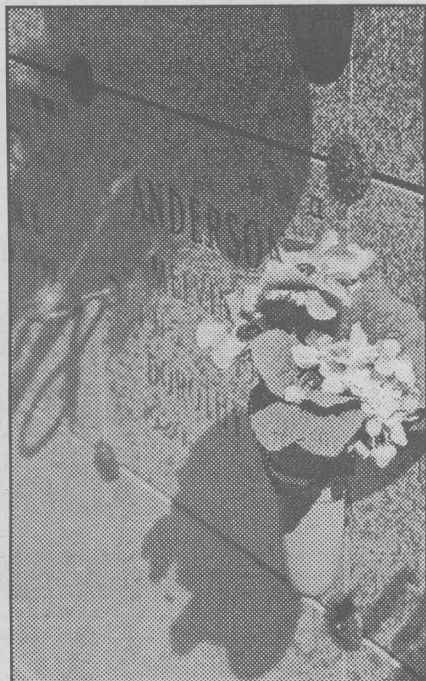
This is what Memorial Day means for many people, but is not what the day was set aside for. With the exception of the Gulf War, the majority of young Americans have lived in peaceful times and, like so many holidays, the true meaning of Memorial Day has been lost.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day was first recognized as an official holiday on May 30, 1868, three years after the Civil War ended. It was made a holiday for people to celebrate and remember the people who died while fighting for the United States. It is traditionally marked with parades, ceremonial speeches and the decoration of graves with flowers and flags.

In the midst of the Vietnam War, 103 years after the original Memorial Day, the holiday was federally changed to the last Monday in May, where it remains today.

During the first 75 years of the 20th century, the U.S. was shrouded in war. Thousands of American men and women had their lives cut short while defending the stars and stripes.

A new Bush is in administration and the relatively peaceful times our country has enjoyed have been challenged with clashes with China and the pressure for U.S. intervention in the Middle East. These events



Andrea VanHorn/Observer

Around Memorial Day the IOOF Cemetery is flooded with flowers and flags to remember those who died for our country.

have brought a new meaning to the holiday for many and enforced what has always been important for others.

"It is a way for us to honor and give tribute to the military forces of this country," Kevin Wesolowski, Central Washington University assistant professor for military science and army captain, said. "The ones that have died have sacrificed their lives for a bigger cause."

This weekend, take a moment to remember those who sacrificed for our freedom.

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Small offense leads to larger problems



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Central Washington University Public Safety Officer Jason Berthon-Koch and Washington State Trooper Bart Olson arrest a minor was charged with a DUI after driving on a service drive at Student Village at 2 a.m. Saturday morning. Berthon-Koch said that often times multiple violations occur with a single offense such as driving with a headlight out or driving on a service drive. Penalties for a minor who receives a DUI include fines, suspension of driving privileges for 90 days, and a mandatory day in jail. Students are reminded not to drink and drive.

VOTING: 10 percent of students voted

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Is advertising the problem? Possibly, but our impressive Campus Life publicity office, who includes the election commission in their many responsibilities, certainly are not responsible for the low voter turnout.

Perhaps there isn't a problem at all. Maybe, only 10 percent of Central students are interested in choosing their Board of Directors. If that is true, if we have reached the "glass ceiling" of apathy, should we do anything about it?

Please understand that I'm not angry or frustrated

with the results. I'm just curious. I would sincerely like to know if the election commission and the Board of Directors should try harder, and if so, what should we do?

The lesson we learn, then, is two-fold. First, online voting is well-received and utilized by a significant portion of students who would have voted even if online voting did not exist. Second, we learn online voting cannot be thought of as a panacea, a cure-all, for our low-voter turnout.

Am I missing something here? Do you have other reasons why students abdicate collegiate suffrage? Email me at vote@CWU.edu.

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CDS helps pair students with jobs

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Unless they are planning to pursue further education, this year's graduates will be thrust into the real world. A good job is essential to surviving out there. Career Development Services (CDS) has prepared many seniors to enter the job market, but it is not too late for students to take advantage of their services.

Without even visiting their office, students can register on the CDS Web site and post resumes, view job listings and participate in on-campus interviews.

CDS strongly recommends students become acquainted with their services to ensure they will have all necessary tools to enter a career.

Mano Fooladi, interim assistant director of CDS, said the first step is to develop a strong resume. The staff works with students to create the best possible resume to suit their needs. If they know where they want to apply, CDS will also assist them in making a cover letter. If scheduled for an interview, a counselor will perform one or several mock interviews that will teach students how to handle themselves during the interview.

"We will tell you what to do and what not to do, we can help you to be comfortable in the real interview,"



Matt Erickson/Observer

CDS Interim Assistant Director Mano Fooladi helps post-baccalaureate student Suzanne DeBusschere with her resume.

Fooladi said.

The earlier a student becomes active in choosing a career and finding a job, the lower the student's frustration level.

"You must start early and be patient," Fooladi said.

There are 16 to 20 million careers out there. If undecided, where do you begin?

Fooladi said to decide what is most important in a job, whether it be money, time or anything else.

"A lot of people decide money is most important but a few years down

the line are unhappy with their job. Do what makes you happy," Fooladi said.

A CDS counselor may suggest students take some tests to help in making a career choice. Like CDS, the tests cannot make a final decision, but they can open a window to direct and prioritize thoughts. Fooladi recommends not going into the test with a pre-determined outcome, it will affect the results.

"A test won't answer all of your problems," Fooladi said.

Now more than ever, people con-

tinually change careers. Don't be afraid to give any job a try. Every job can provide valuable experience and exposure.

"You're never stuck with a job, it's not a marriage," Fooladi said.

If students that are out of here next month and still have questions or concerns, don't give up hope. CDS will still gladly help in any way. Even after graduation, CDS welcomes alumni in need of help.

CDS is located in Barge 202 and 204M. They can be reached at 963-1921 or <http://www.cwucareer.com>.



Police Briefs

May 16, 3:23 a.m.

Officers responded to a 911 hang-up call from Brooklane.

May 17, 1 a.m.

A vehicle in the N-19 lot was broken into and a CD player and speakers were taken.

May 17, 4:30 a.m.

Officers responded to a noise complaint in Muzzal Hall.

May 17, 10:47 a.m.

A 20 year-old man had his cell phone taken from his room in Quigley Hall. His door was left unlocked while he was gone.

May 17, 11:12 a.m.

A 21 year-old man called police in regards to two guitars he had stolen from him in March. The guitars were found at Boogey Man Music.

May 20, 5:17 p.m.

Police responded to a call of a man soliciting credit cards outside Holmes Dining.

For more information on campus crime and updates on cases visit the campus police web site at www.CWU.edu/~police.

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United States

Bill would ban use of cell phones while driving

Lawmakers introduced a bill in congress that would ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving. The Senate version would ban all cell phone use while driving, the House version would allow the use of hands free devices.

Politicians ask for price caps on electricity

California politicians asked a federal appeals court to place a price cap on wholesale electricity. The move for a price cap comes after the prices for electricity reached as high as \$1,900 per megawatt hour.

House approves bill for WW II memorial

A bill that would expedite the construction of a memorial to veterans of World War II has finally been given approval by the House. The bill ends a legal dispute about the memorials design and places restrictions on the authority of three oversight commissions to delay further construction.

International

Powell leaves for African tour

U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell will be spending six days in Africa meeting with government officials in South Africa, Kenya and Uganda. Powell will be addressing the issues of AIDS and regional wars during his tour.

Argentina honey producers protest tariff

Hundreds of honey producers gathered outside the Government House in Buenos Aires, Argentina to protest hefty new tariff on honey imports. Of the 80,000 tons of honey produced in Argentina, half of it is exported to the United States.

New cases of foot-and-mouth disease found in British livestock

Nineteen new cases of foot-and-mouth disease have been reported in the Yorkshire Dales, a north England region that was previously unaffected. British officials hoped that the disease was in decline until the announcement of the outbreak.

Cease-fire falls through amid accusations

Palestinians rejected the Israeli cease-fire calling it a maneuver. The Israeli troops are now under orders not to fire unless fired upon in life threatening situations.

Rogue ferret pursues math degree

Students at Bouillon Hall were surprised Monday by a foot-long streak of blonde fur that navigated the breezeway at the front of the building and headed for the safety of the vending machine. It was intercepted by Mark Kendrick, senior business major, who held it until the police arrived. The fugitive was held at the animal shelter until Tuesday when its owner bailed it out. A shelter employee said that the ferret apparently suffered no ill effects from its apprehension and detainment. The three ferrets pictured below refused to comment on the runaway ferret's name or address. The registrar's office has no knowledge of the ferret's educational status.



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Letters to the Editor

The people have spoken

Dear Editor,

I am extremely disappointed in the letter written by Skyler Zoppi and Shawn Palmer of ASCWU-BOD printed in last week's Observer. It was seen by many to be very inappropriate for these two individuals to express their opinions concerning the BOD elections in this manner. How much confidence do they have in the students they represent if they question the person they elect as their next president? How can they say that they have represented students over the past year if they blatantly accuse the student body of making a poor choice for leadership? This is not how a representative government operates.

The students of CWU have chosen their new BOD President, Dustin Stahl. For some reason, Zoppi and Palmer are having trouble dealing with this fact. The student body of Central is at an advantage with Mr. Stahl as their ASCWU President. Mr. McMichael was an excellent candidate for President, duly qualified for the office. Mr. Stahl is also well qualified and will serve the students of Central well. The people have made their choice. Zoppi and Palmer must accept this fact and move on.

—Jerred Erickson

Concepts commented on

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to almost the entire opinion section of the May 17 issue of the Observer. First a brief disclaimer: The following thoughts are not meant as an attack on the authors, but rather a critique of various concepts put forth by those authors.

In my opinion, the most striking piece was entitled "ASCWU does little for students". The basic idea is that failure to vote is a legitimate form of political expression. Those that do not vote apparently believe that a lack of information and feeling neglected by those in power justifies this strategy. The truth is those in power do not care about you at all and most likely have no idea who you are; there is no way that they can. The people on the BOD are just that, people. Unless you go and make yourself known to the officers of YOUR student government and tell them your concerns, they will never help you. If you do not know where the BOD office is, then you must not care enough to look for it. Information is yours for the TAKING; it will not be

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Cartoon by Jed Waits



THE COST OF FREEDOM

Observance

Remembrance should be included in holiday plans

(The Civil War) created in this country what had never existed before: a national consciousness. It was not the salvation of the Union; it was the rebirth of the Union.

—Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)
Memorial Day Address (1915)

Memorial Day and Labor Day are holidays that traditionally mark the beginning and ending of summer. These three day weekends are notorious for camping, concerts and department store sales.

Somewhere in the midst of gassing up the car and packing up the camping equipment, the true meaning of Memorial Day has been forgotten.

Memorial Day has been over-commercialized just like every other holiday. This extra hype urging consumers to buy flowers and hit special weekend sales helps Americans to forget what the extra day off is even for.

We take for granted what generations before ours have given up to insure our right of freedom. For the 20 year-old student, a draft has never called siblings and friends away to serve in the armed forces and fortunately the closest some of us have ever come experiencing anything war-like is passing an ROTC cadet on the mall.

Many great battles have rattled our past. Many of which are learned in history classes and then are quickly forgotten after the test. The Battle of Verdun, for instance, in 1914, is considered one of the greatest in world history. There were over 700,000 casualties in just two months.

The battle of Gettysburg is eloquently appropriate for remembering those who fought to bring freedom to our own country. "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

—Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863.

Contrary to what Lincoln said, it is the speech we remember and not the actual battle. These people gave their lives for us—they have died to protect our way of life. Their fight should be remembered.

Before you don your swimsuit and jump into an ice-cold river or lake this weekend, stop and think about the freedom we have and take for granted.

—Kiley Sharpe

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Guest Column

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Ryan McMichael's Call to Action

Student government elections are a joke at this school. Nobody is more disheartened by this fact than myself, but I have to admit that it's true. One day a year, candidates are forced to stand out on the malls and prostitute themselves for votes, handing out candy to passers-by like perverts at an elementary school. I use the word "forced" because, to put it mildly, there's no other way to be successful on election day.

I can hear the gasps of amazement now. "I'd never vote just because I got a sucker from some dork on the street!" Well, if this is true, I sincerely appreciate your concern, along with that of the other 149 people just like you on this campus. For the majority of the student population, however, I'd like to direct you to the election results. Look at the number of votes garnered by those who didn't have candy on election day, and you'll see a clear gap between the haves and the have-nots. You can't tell me that you voted based on superior writing skills (the candy/no candy races were pretty much tied in this

department), or superior debate skills (during all three debates, I saw about 60 people combined, 45 of which I could name).

Getting away from the candy issue though, my heart was broken at the latest installment of a barrage of criticism that has been going on all year. In a letter to the editor, Tiffany Sibley remarked, "the ASCWU has absolutely no power to change anything." Wow. Look around, Tiffany. No power to change anything? How about state law? My office recently passed Senate Bill 5509, which makes it illegal to use Social Security numbers for student identification. How about your tuition? Did you know that Governor Locke wanted to raise tuition rates by ten percent per year for the next four years? The Associated Students of all public four-year institutions fought that number like hell, and do you know what? We succeeded. If politics aren't up your alley, how about recreation? We've got a new \$50-60 million recreation facility coming in, and your ASCWU President, Maren Oates, is running the show. We are doing so much for you, and you can't even be bothered to pay attention.

Don't give me the whole "I didn't know about these things" argument, either. They've been in the Observer and your mailbox for the past 8 months. If by some bizarre twist of fate you honestly weren't aware of them (you recently woke up from a coma, just got out of prison, etc.), that's fine. Everyone has a

right to be ignorant. All it means is that you have no ground to stand on when you write a letter to the editor, bitching about things that you obviously know nothing about.

But I digress. This article wasn't meant to be a criticism, but a call to action. My point is that student government should not be so trivial to the students of Central Washington University. Every single person running for office last week took these elections very seriously, and by not sharing in this feeling, this campus is acting like a bad father who beats his gifted son for wanting to learn.

As a member of the student government and a recently defeated candidate for President, it is very clear to me that these people, serving both this year and next, are going to make some decisions that will dramatically affect the daily lives of every one of us. We should not treat them like back alley rapists, calling to us from the inside of a dark van. We should embrace them, help them, find out how the everyday student can make a change. These people need your support. Without it, they have no foundation to stand on, no basis from which to make decisions. It is up to all of us, the average students, to get involved, take responsibility, and let our leaders know what we expect of them. If we don't, then the lack of change at this University can be blamed on no one but ourselves.

LETTERS: Opinions continued

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found for you and placed in your brain by the powers that be. Anyone who says that the BOD does not have the power to change how this university is run would be correct; the Board of Trustees holds that power. This does not mean that the BOD is useless; they still serve an important role by providing activities and services for the students of Central. If you do not vote your voice will certainly not be heard, because nothing will have been said. Get involved; no one said freedom was easy, or free.

Why is everyone attacking John Hieger? I was under the impression that his CD Review was his opinion. Since when have opinions become the absolute truth? I sincerely doubt that all of the answers, with regard to the quality of contemporary music, will be found at Central Washington University. I cannot understand why people will read something if it offends them. If I felt that John Hieger was merely complaining and being offensive, I would stop reading; if I felt that the column was a waste of space I would write my own column and attempt to get it published. When I buy a product I research it myself, I do not rely on the opinions of others to make up my mind for me. At the very least he has the courage to say what he thinks, in a public forum, on a consistent basis.

I take issue with the letter written by two of our vice-presidents entitle "Students at loss without McMichael." To begin I feel that the inclusion of their official titles at the end of the letter was inappropriate. I do not believe that their letter represents the opinion consolation to McMichael, but it shows poor taste when they choose to deride the new officers in the process. I also think that this article insults the students of this university; eight hundred students took the initiative to vote and according to this letter a majority made the "wrong" choice. How dare the BOD trivialize the voice of the people by assuming that the presidency is preordained? The specific reason officers are elected for one year is so that someone else might have the opportunity to bring new perspective to the position. In my opinion I think that Ryan McMichael and Dustin Stahl were both excellent candidates, but the people spoke and Dustin won. Ryan McMichael does deserve to be congratulated for his efforts and I hope that he does run again next year.

Finally, I would like to say that the letters entitled "It's your own fault (and mine), let's kick in gear and quit complaining" and "Communication is the key" were the perfect addition to last week's opinion section. I think that they spoke for themselves adequately; my input would only weigh them down. To those two authors I want to say thank you for saying that which should not need saying, but unfortunately does.

—Jay Smith

Sensitivity history re-visited

Dear Editors,

I find that I do need to respond to John Hieger's commentary of May 10. His characterization of the biblical account of the execution of a Jew in Roman-occupied Palestine, one who later became known as Jesus, showed a profound ignorance of history, not just biblical history, but modern history. No, Charlie Ward was not right, not right to slander or historically right. As this was before founding of Christianity, nearly everyone, supporters and oppressors, were Jewish. But since the Middle Ages the old cry of "Christ-killer" was raised against the European Jewish community as a justification for murder. This was the justification for the pogroms my ancestors fled from in Russia. This was the schoolyard taunt of the bullies who chased my mother home

every day from school.

There are many issues here: the assumption that biblical accounts are history, the idea that the actions of individuals would damn all members of that group for eternity, the difference between having the right to speak and having the responsibility to think before speaking. There are too many to adequately address. But I have to say that when I read such comments made so lightly that I become frightened for the future. It is not sensitivity that builds hate, but insensitivity and prejudice. I don't want a world where children are chased home by taunting bullies and the considerations of basic civility are ignored.

—Dr. Lila Harper
English

Sensitivity issue continues

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to John Hieger's contribution to the Staff Column on May 10th, which was entitled "Somebody Check the Sensitivity." The evident provocation for his lament at the curtailing of free speech was Charlie Ward's retraction of and apology for a statement he made to the effect that Jews are responsible for killing Jesus. Far be it from me to question Mr. Hieger's right to express his opinion, but since his column contained several inflammatory and erroneous statements, I would like to respond. Implicit in Mr. Hieger's defense of the view that "The Jews did put Jesus to pasture" are a number of questionable assumptions.

First is the assumption that the New Testament can be read like a world history textbook that offers a transparent window onto the events of history. Contrary to popular opinion, the Bible did not write itself. The authors who composed the gospels during the first century of the Common Era shaped their accounts of Jesus' death in response to the conditions in which they wrote. Indeed, the point is accurate historical context. During the first-century CE, the Romans' physical destruction of the institutional center of the Jewish religion at the time (the Temple at Jerusalem), created a crisis for Jews and Christians alike. Many Jews were not interested in the interpretation of the Jewish heritage coming out of Christian circle, although many Gentile (non-Jews) were. Most Jews were more interested in the interpretations of Jewish heritage coming out of Rabbinic circles. Seen in its historical context, the New Testament authors' unflattering portrayal of Jews appears less as "the ugly truth" than as a result of this rivalry between two religious communities struggling for interpretive control over a shared history.

Let's grant Mr. Hieger the point that the texts of the New Testament do provide a reasonable reliable account of historical events. What they describe is not Jesus' betrayal by the Jews at large, but the actions of a small group of Jewish religious authorities who benefited from collaborating with Roman rule. Whatever his intentions might have been, Mr. Hieger's blanket statement that "the Jews demanded his execution by the oman state" feeds into the long-standing anti-Semitic view that Jews, as a group, are responsible for the death of Jesus. Such a view has fueled centuries of anti-Semitic hatred, persecution and violence. It should be discouraged by all people of conscience, whatever their personal religious commitments.

"Sensitivity," according to Hieger, "is an illness which breeds hate, the kind that lays the framework for ignorance." This kind of Orwellian double-speak coming from the pen of a supposedly educated person is truly disturbing. It is ignorance of the kind Hieger displays in his column that lays the framework for hatred. But what is most regrettable is that in the service of his dubious personal political agenda, Hieger radically distorts the core message of Jesus' ministry, which was to love your neighbor.

—Eliza Kent

Good idea but some touch-ups needed

Dear Editor,

I would like to add a few points to your story about the automatic faucets. I am glad to see automatic faucets across campus, as they help with water conservation and germs, but there are two problems with these new bathrooms. At Black Hall the automatic faucet's need some type of diverter that keeps the water in the sink and not all over the counter. The high water pressure causes the water to spray onto the countertops, and your clothing, during use. Sometimes there is more water on the counters than in the sinks themselves.

Secondly, I know bathrooms are a big catch basin for germs, so I appreciate not having to turn the water on and off, so whose idea was it to put door handles that must be touched to enter and exit the bathroom? Does this make any sense? You no longer have germs at the sink, because they are on the door. The bathroom should have swinging doors that can be opened with your hand, elbow, or other body parts, thus helping with the germ problem.

—Karen Foley

Intolerance of intolerance

Dear Editor,

This letter is written regarding and in response to hateful, threatening and slanderous postings sponsored by several Beck residents last Thursday. These individuals attempted to stifle the joyful and celebratory mood of GALA's Pridefest 2001 barbeque, by hanging anti-gay propaganda outside their windows facing Barto lawn (the general vicinity of the event). I would like to direct two main points to these residents in an attempt to illustrate how inappropriate and unacceptable this behavior is and how unwelcome and intolerable it will be in the coming year.

Although a crucially important and inalienable right, the freedom of speech finds limitations when a hostile and oppressive environment results from that expression. Honestly, I would be the last individual to support or endorse sanctions on the First Amendment, but will instead suggest free expression of these issues in a forum or some other discussion oriented setting. GALA often encourages and sponsors such discussions, panels and forums relating to gay and lesbian rights. However, the actions of the Beck residents violate section 19 of their Room and Board contract, which states "CWU policies and practices affirm and actively promote the rights of all individuals to equal opportunity in education and employment without regard to their race, color, religion...sex, sexual origin..." Clearly, the environment created by the aggressively homophobic statements posted by residents was not in compliance with these university policies.

With my second point, I would simply like to contrast the ideals and causes of GALA with the views projected through the earlier described actions of Beck residents. To begin, GALA is an all inclusive organization which struggles to realize a sense of supporting diversity education through programs and events. This organization is a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight alliance whose agenda has never, and will never, include a hostile stance towards heterosexuality. GALA's program attempt to create an environment which embraces all people.

I hope this letter has dispelled any confusion and leads to a better understanding of GALA, Equity and Service Council and CWU. I am resolved to believe that the actions of the residents of Beck Hall spawned from ignorance or misinformation rather than hostile malice. I would like to welcome all students, including the residents of Beck, to attend GALA and ESC meetings, functions and events to learn through experience the valuable services these organizations provide.

—Nate Harris

2001-2002 BOD VP for Equity and Community Service

—Skyler Zoppi

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Quote of the week

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"If you live with integrity, the volume on your instincts is turned up."
-Dr. Drew



Andrea VanHorn/Observer

Boy Toyz, members from left, Leeann (aka Lance), Sara (aka Justin), and Tiffany (aka Joey) get down and "ride the cowboy" at Pridefest 2001.

Look again, it's a girl

by Charlie Tu
Contributing Writer

The sight of dozens of drag kings, drag queens, straight girls, gay boys, and a rowdy crowd was the cornerstone of GALA's second annual Pridefest.

"We had a lot of people out there, just celebrating who they are," Sean Soth, junior business major, said. "This happened because we wanted to educate the campus on diversity issues through having a good time," Soth said.

Fun was the main theme at Pridefest, which was held at Barto lawn last week. The May 17 event attracted more than 100 students and community members.

"The weather was good, the food was good, and the entertainment was great," Maleah Pullar, junior recreation services major, said.

Along with a catered menu of delicious barbecue food, Pridefest was complete with a drag queen host. Students participated in activities such as "gay-what-karaoke" and the dating game. GALA also invited some drag kings from Seattle to participate and held their own competition. Other students took the stage with dance and lip-synching, adorned with costumes and makeup.

"I had a blast seeing everyone, straight and gay, having a good time," Brad Snyder, senior math major, said. "My favorite part of it all though as Nick French playing the part of the drag queen host... I laughed my ass off," Snyder said.

GALA is a student club that sees itself as the central conduit for educating the campus and local community on issues that not only deal with sexual minorities, but also student diversity. Its members believe in the notion that tolerance must be achieved through understanding and that community involvement is paramount to the success of a healthy campus.

"We wanted this to be something the whole community could be involved in," Soth said.

The festival had a welcoming reception from students, despite some protestors that were posting anti-gay literature proclaiming "straight pride."

"I think those hate crimes pale in comparison to the support and celebration expressed by students, faculty, and others," Harris said.

Snakes rattle Central

by Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

Being bitten by a snake is a terrible misfortune. Fortunately for Jared Horrocks, a Central Washington University senior majoring in biology and Spanish, his many encounters with snakes have not warranted a single bite.

"Half of all bites are non-venomous and just serve as a warning from the snake," Horrocks said. "If you are bit, don't freeze it, don't shock it, just go to the hospital."

During the past three years, Horrocks has caught hundreds of snakes. He begins hunting in spring, the time of year when snakes come out of hibernation and begin foraging for food. Horrocks hunts for the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake, Kittitas Valley's common breed of snake in dens on taluses. Taluses are large broken chunks of basalt located on the bottom of south facing slopes, often located close to water sources.

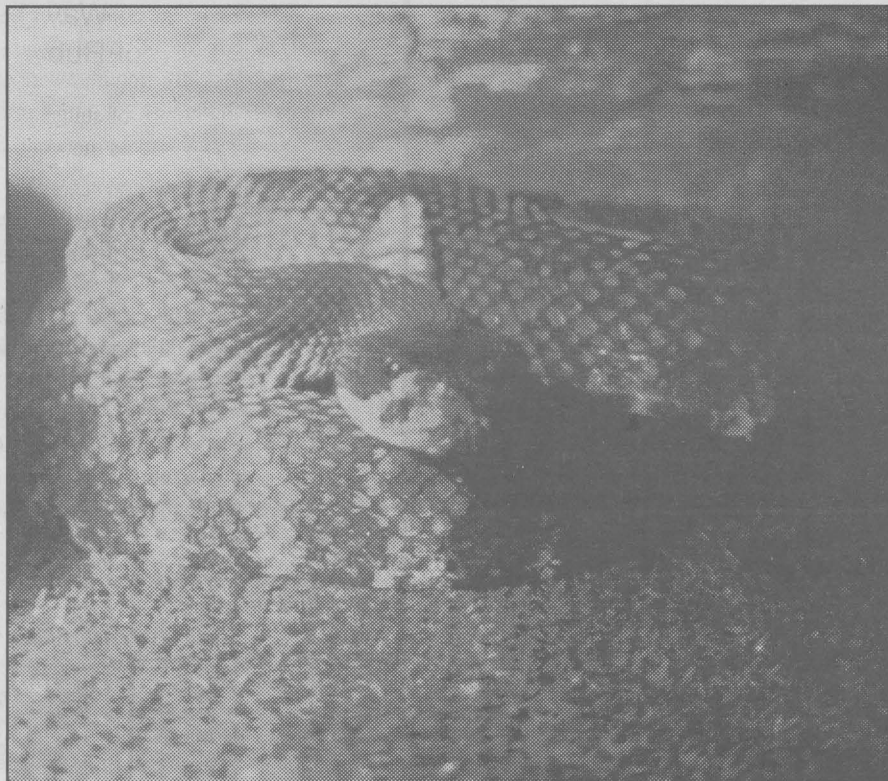
"They're very cryptic creatures and hard to see," Horrocks said. "They're usually very silent until you get right near them."

Horrocks was one of many students to present undergraduate work at Central's SOURCE program last Thursday. Horrocks did his presentation on the standard metabolic rate of the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake. Metabolism is important in any species of animal, affecting growth, sex, body size and cellular processes.

"Not much has been done on the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake," Horrocks said. "They're a reptilian enigma."

For his study, Horrocks used 25 rattlesnakes he captured from six separate dens during the last two springs. Results of his work showed a lower metabolic rate in the Northern Pacific Rattlesnakes than other rattlesnakes. The Northern Pacific Rattlesnake's metabolic rate is dependent on its mass. There is also no correlation between sex or growth related to metabolism.

Horrocks' study is just one of many contributions to better understanding rattlesnakes.



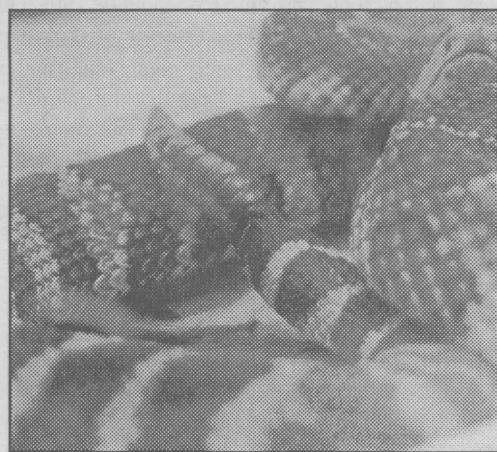
Horrocks said when people say to kill rattlesnakes, it's based on their fear and their ignorance of snakes. Two myths of rattlesnakes are that younger snakes are more venomous than the adults and rattlesnakes are aggressive. Both are wrong.

"There is no such thing as an attacking snake," Horrocks said. "They're more afraid of you than you are of them. They want nothing to do with you."

Central's science department has possessed six Ellensburg-native rattlesnakes, a king snake, a python and a small gecko. Alex Mandujano, the department's science technician, hopes to have the king snake, the gecko and Cleo the python on display by Monday, May 28th. They will be encased in three viewing windows on the first floor lobby of the science building.

"We're hoping to set the exhibit up in a way that allows the animals to be viewed from any angle," Mandujano said.

After graduation, Horrocks is planning to



Photos by David Burnett/Observer

(top) This rattlesnake has been at Central longer than many seniors. He has been a resident of the Science Department for five years. (bottom) A close look at the rattle, the snake's preliminary warning sign.

pursue research on reptiles or some other animal species in a Spanish-speaking country.

Pizza, coffee and fresh grooves

by Paula Collucci
Staff reporter

Before hitting the bars on Wednesday nights, stop in to Papa John's Coffeehouse (located in Club Central in the SUB) for some free music, pizza, tea, and coffee. Shows begin at 8 p.m. and are organized by Central student Andrew Fickes.

Sponsored by Starbucks and Papa John's Pizza, Papa John's Coffeehouse is a concert series program every Wednesday featuring all styles of music: folk guitar, local rock bands, skits and comedy acts.

The 24-year-old program is another example of a free campus activity that feeds and alleviates students boredom. If you are tired of trying to find something to do in

Ellensburg, check out Papa John's Coffeehouse. It not only brings in outside talent, but also showcases local artists and students as well.

"It's a good place for local bands to show their stuff and get stage experience," Fickes said.

Estrofiesta played Wednesday, May 16, bringing Central a dose of jazz. Band members Jackie Meline (vocals), Jen Richardson (piano) and Jessica Bissett (bass) are Central music students.

Their drummer, Nicole Mirabelli, was unable to attend.

"We perform mostly jazz standards and a little bit of funk and blues," Meline said.

The breathy vocalist claims influences of soul goddesses Sarah Vaughn and Ella

Fitzgerald.

Papa John's Coffeehouse will conclude this year's season with a show on Wednesday, May 30. The show will be held at Starbucks in appreciation for their continued sponsorship. Folk guitarist David Harris will play starting at 8 p.m.

Artists interested in showcasing their talents next year should call Andrew Fickes at 963-1450.

"It's good to come out and support your fellow students. Who knows, maybe you'll know a future superstar," Fickes said.

Cornstoc rocks annual jamfest

by Kelly Allen
Staff Reporter

Live music fought an ongoing battle with dorm room stereos this weekend when the Miss Cornstoc music festival took over Barto lawn.

Sunday evening's closing performer Steve Fisk, in a story told onstage, likened the show to another Central event back in 1988. Faith No More and a then unknown band called Soundgarden played for an audience of about

five people while thousands of students went about their weekend business not knowing what they were missing.

Cornstoc's assistant coordinator Jevfro Cleveland had nothing but good things to say about this weekend's performances.

"Aside from the poor turnout, everything went better than planned," Cleveland said. "The bands were just incredible. They really got into it even though there were only 20-50

people in the crowd at a time."

Saturday's performances included Bunny Foot Charm and Love as Laughter as well as Joe Preston performing as a one-man act called The Thrones.

Sunday's nicer weather brought out larger crowds to see such acts as former Puptula member Justin Davis, performing an acoustic set, and Tight Bros., described by Cleveland as a mix of Led Zeppelin and AC/DC, giving

an especially energetic performance.

Fisk closed the show on Sunday evening, playing an atypical set of ambient music with a keyboard and midi-sequencing gear as the sun set.

For those who missed this year's event, you will have another chance when Miss Cornstoc happens again this time next year. You may just catch a free show by the next Soundgarden.



Kim Nowacki/Observer

The third annual Miss Cornstoc music festival featured a diverse range of music. Seattle's Tight Bros. From Way Back When (left) brought the crowd to life with audience participation. Aaron L (right) of Ruby Doe, which formed in Ellensburg, rocked Barto lawn.

Campus perspectives





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(above) Italian American Reconciliation dinner performance gets under way. (below) The greens bake under the sun in Central's tropical greenhouse.



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Dr. Drew heated up Nicholson

by Heather Bell
Asst. Scene editor

Instincts, anal sex and drugs were some of the hot topics discussed by renowned radio and television personality Dr. Drew Pinsky, well known for his days on MTV's "Loveline."

Dr. Drew came to Central Washington University last Friday, May 25 to speak to students and answer questions in a manner similar to the "Loveline" format, except sidekick Adam Corolla was not along to offer his usual comical advice.

The key piece of advice that Dr. Drew had to offer was this: always follow your instincts.

"Listen to that little voice inside of you, it never leads you wrong," Dr. Drew said.

In the fall of 1983, Dr. Drew was propositioned by a friend to join a fellow neighbor on a radio program in Los Angeles that took questions about relationships. The show ran from midnight to 3 a.m. and there was never a shortage of callers.

"I couldn't believe all these amazing and serious questions were being presented to FM disc jockeys," Dr. Drew said.

Dr. Drew went on to say in 1983 there was no such thing as "safe sex" or talk of HIV and AIDS.

Since 1983, Dr. Drew has seen a great deal of change in young people, heard just about every question imaginable and continued to follow his instincts which led him to hook up with co-host Adam Corolla, who adds raunchy comedy to Dr. Drew's medical knowledge.

The audience was attentive throughout the talk and asked questions that ranged from, "What do I do? My dad and brother

talk about porn all the time," to "Why do men have nipples?"

No question seemed to faze Dr. Drew. He had insightful, funny and informative answers for everyone.

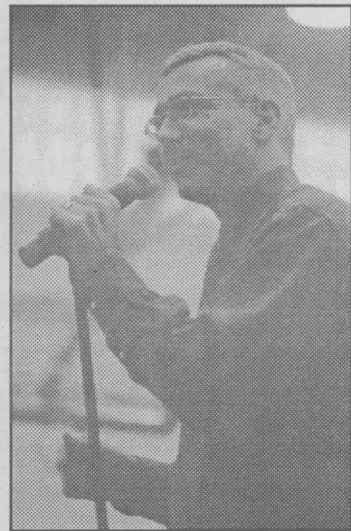
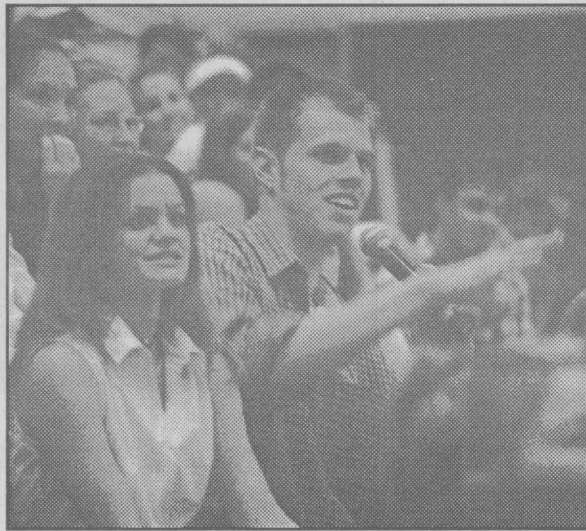
One important message Dr. Drew had for the audience was about the dangers of ecstasy, a drug which continues to gain popularity.

"It's the drug that scares me the most," Dr. Drew said. "I treat ecstasy related brain damage everyday."

A number of other questions were about the use of marijuana. Dr. Drew confirmed that people do become addicted to the drug, but added legalization of it would be beneficial to terminally ill patients.

After the show, students lined up to get autographs and waited patiently while Dr. Drew escaped for a short press conference.

Overall, Dr. Drew was a success. He was perceptive, humorous and a wealth of information. Financially, Central lost some money on the event, due to a lower turnout than expected.



Kim Nowacki/Observer

Trevor Zandell asks Dr. Drew if he and sidekick Adam Corolla have any off-air fights. Dr. Drew was able to give all questions an intelligent, and often humorous answer, even without the help of Corolla.

Those who missed the show also missed out on a once in a lifetime chance to meet a celebrity right here at Central and possibly clear up any confusion about sex, drugs or anything else.

Fashion models strut Central's catwalk

by Jaimee Castaneda
Staff reporter

Celebrating its fifth year, Central Washington University's fashion show production class transformed the SUB Ballroom on Saturday, May 19 into a fashion playground for upcoming local businesses. Clothing provided by J.C. Penney, Mariposa, Buckle, Mervyn's, Fred Meyer, The Bon Marché and the University Store helped fulfill the necessary requirements for a fashion presentation.

The show included an opportunity to enter in a free raffle for door prizes such as gift certificates, clothing and a mini refrigerator. Part of the proceeds that came from the auction that followed the show were donated to the Lori Chandler fund, which

was this year's charity choice. The other part of the money went towards next year's show, the annual trip to Magic Market, which is a fashion convention that is held in Las Vegas displaying retail vendors from all around the world.

"It's nice to see the students working together and giving back to the community," Instructor White, advisor for the production class, said.

Professor Bill Chandler and junior fashion merchandising major Oona Grizzel hosted this event.

The lineup was broken down into themes, which included work and play, fun in the sun, club-hopping and enchanted evenings.

An added bonus to the lineup was hot couture, it showcasing designs from aspiring apparel designers Heidi Scheneberger and

Kelley Ruud, both Central students.

"There was a lot of hard work that went into making things," Scheneberger, senior apparel design major, said.

Scheneberger's friends modeled her original designs, which included a black kimono with red pants and a blue flowered dress with a cream-colored embroidered jacket.

Ruud's designs showcased wedding apparel and were also modeled by her family and friends.

"This show is something that we work towards all quarter and it gives an inside look for those interested in fashion merchandising," Heidi Perala, sophomore fashion merchandising major, said.

May 24-30 Events

Thursday, May 24

- Open mic night at the Mint. 10 p.m. to close.
- Annual Staff Service Award Program. 1:15 p.m. in the Lombard Room.
- Drop-in Relaxation Group. 4-4:50 p.m., Student Health and Counseling Center, Wickerath Lounge.
- Balaam's Ass Roaming Coffee Lounge. Live music, open mic, free espresso drinks (donations accepted). 7-10 p.m. in the Mary Grupe Center. Sponsored by Campus Ambassadors, call 925-3107 or 929-0362 for more details.

Friday, May 25

- Catholic Campus Ministry presents, "What Women Want." 7 p.m.

Monday, May 28

- Memorial Day Holiday- NO SCHOOL!!
- May 28-June 8: Graduate Thesis and/or

exhibits. Sarah Spurgeon Gallery.

Tuesday, May 29

- Speaker: Dr. Robert McGowan, "It is God's will: Attribution patterns of Native West African and African American Athletes." 4 p.m. in the Psychology Building, room 267.
- Live jazz at the Mint, "Something's Not Right." 10 p.m. to close.

Wednesday, May 30

- Theatre Arts presents, "Italian American Reconciliation." 7 p.m., call 963-1774 for more details.
- Diversity Coalition Small Victories Awards dinner. e-mail rasulov@cwu.edu for more details.
- Catholic Campus Ministry barbecue. 5p.m.
- Papa John's Coffee House in the SUB. 8 p.m. in Club Central, free pizza and

- coffee sponsored by Starbucks and Papa John's! For more information call Campus Life at 963-1511
- M.A.D. (Making a Difference) Hatter. Celebration for contributors to the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center. For more information call 963-1643.
- "Walk your blues away" a drop-in walking group. 11:30 a.m.-noon. Student Health and Counseling Center, Wickerath Lounge.
- Communications Department Awards Banquet. 4-6 p.m. in Club Central.

Hot weather drives toddler to drinking



David Burnett/Observer

Pitch a tent for the holiday weekend

For those undecided Memorial weekend plans, here are some camping options.

by Eileen Lambert
Staff Reporter

Break out the tent because warmer weather is here and camping spots abound. For many, Memorial Day weekend signifies the unofficial start of camping season. If you lack the gear, Tent-n-Tube is near, and can outfit weekend camping trips at reasonable prices. Weekend rates are: a 2-3 person dome tent for \$9, a sleeping bag for \$1.50, a lantern for \$3, a large cooler for \$4.50 a camp stove for \$6.

Here are some of Eastern Washington's finer places to catch sun:

•Lake Chelan — A popular spring break destination, where the water is chilly year-round. Located nine miles west of Chelan, there is a 127 acre forested camping park located on the south shore of Lake Chelan. The park has 6,000 feet of shoreline, lake-side views and expansive lawns for strolling and playing. There are 109 tent spaces, 35 utility spaces, and restroom and shower facilities. Booking a reservation for this spot over a holiday weekend is a must.

•Lake Wenatchee State Park—A river runs through it. Located 18 miles northwest of Leavenworth, Lake Wenatchee State Park is a 489-acre camping park with 12,623 feet of waterfront on glacier-fed Lake Wenatchee and the Wenatchee River. The bisection of the Wenatchee River creates two distinct areas — South Park, with camping, swimming and horseback riding areas; and North

Park, in a less developed, forested section, a quarter-mile walk from the lake. The park is a natural wildlife area, and has been known for bear activity. There are 197 tent spaces and restroom and shower facilities.

•Sun Lakes-Dry Falls State Park—Where one can camp near the base of an ice-age remnant. Located seven miles southwest of Coulee City, Sun Lakes-Dry Falls is a 4,027-acre camping park with 73,640 feet of freshwater shoreline near Dry Falls. Dry Falls is one of the great geological wonders of North America. The falls were created by the carving of ice-age floods, which long ago disappeared, leaving behind a stark cliff, 400 feet high and 3 1/2 miles wide. Historically, the waterfall was once 10 times the size of Niagara Falls. Today, it overlooks a desert oasis filled with lakes and abundant wildlife. The park has 162 tent sites and restroom and shower facilities. Be prepared for the possibility of heavy winds.

•Curlew State Park—Where old meets new. Located eight miles north of Republic, Curlew State Park is an active, culturally abundant 123-acre camping park. With a bordering air field, a public fossil dig eight miles away and a nearby active osprey nest that can be viewed from the park, Curlew is one of the most diverse campgrounds in the state. It offers water sport activity as well as natural history and archeological study in the midst of gorgeous surroundings. The park has 57 tent spaces and restroom and shower facilities. Be prepared for the possibility of heavy winds.

There's nothing more relaxing than camping on a lake, the nearby water providing a welcome escape from the soaring temperatures. Don't forget your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and bug spray. And above all, have a safe and fun Memorial Day weekend.

A guide through the Seattle Opera House for first timers

by Jaimee Castaneda
Staff reporter

The Seattle Center Opera House played host to A Day at the Opera, a community concert presented by Eddie Bauer, on Sunday May 20. This free event featured Luretta Bybee and Greer Grimsley, both renowned opera singers who have performed in operas throughout the United States and the Seattle Youth Symphony.

The staff greeted patrons at the door and handed out a program and an informational packet. It contained information that ranged from attire to opera language.

It recommended specific books

and movies to rent that would educate the viewer. The end result appreciation and maybe a love for the opera. The brochure also had an article on etiquette. Opera-goers are encouraged to wear anything casual, but some patrons dress formally. Being on time is very important because patrons will not be let in once the opera has begun.

The packet prepared the audience for the upcoming arias, an opera term for a solo. The event began with a brief introduction from Speight Jenkins, general director for the Seattle Opera, that introduced Lisa Bayne, senior vice president for Eddie Bauer, Inc. Starting off, Jenkins gave a brief

summary that included the background information on each of the five arias that would be presented. He did the same for the five orchestral selections. Even though the selections were sung in Russian and French, translations were provided above the stage. Most operas are generally sung in Italian, German or French because they originated in Europe.

The crash course in opera 101 provided basic rules and guidelines for first time visitors to follow before attending an opera. Remember to bring the binoculars.

New joint offers fresh tastes with old vibes

by Staci Miller
Staff reporter

"Eat here...diet at home" is the motto of the newest burger joint to hit town.

With that motto, who can resist a Red Horse Drive-In burger and espresso? Red Horse Drive-In and Espresso opened on May 1 to greet drivers as they head into town from the west interchange. The Red Horse is open Sunday to Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Upon entering the quaint diner, authentic 1950s gasoline logos line the walls and a gigantic neon red flying horse greets you at the counter.

Then there is the menu. Burgers, sandwiches, steak fries and sodas are all priced for consumption and within the next week there will be more items added to the plethora of choices. The Rumble Seat Classic, which is a plain hamburger with lettuce and tomato, is \$3.95 and the Red Horse Classic's 1/3 lb. patty, smothered with ham, cheese and bacon is also offered at a great price. The Red Horse Drive-In also offers a kid's menu ranging from hamburgers to corn dogs for the amount a change you can find under your couch.

Not only does Red Horse offer great food, they also offer caffeine



Michael Bennett/Observer

Old style decorations adorn the walls inside the Red Horse restaurant located on Cascade Way.

for a morning boost. The Red Horse Espresso Stand opens bright and early at 6 a.m. to satisfy the coffee craving and the sweet tooth, with butterhorns and sweet rolls.

With a friendly staff and unique setting, Ellensburg's newest burger joint is worth a taste. The Red Horse Drive-In is located on Cascade Way, two miles west of Central's campus.

Scene editors' Best and Worst Movies, ever

BEST:

1. Pulp Fiction
2. Big Lebowski
3. Fear and Loathing in Vegas
4. Raiders of the Lost Ark
5. Cool Hand Luke

WORST:

1. Mystery Men
2. American Psycho
3. St. Elmo's Fire
4. Lampoon's Vegas Vacation
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ORVs are O-U-T

(in one hiker's opinion)



“Off-road vehicles have damaged every kind of ecosystem found in the United States: sand dunes covered with American beach grass on Cape Cod; pine and Cyprus woodlands in Florida; hardwood forests in Indiana; prairie grasslands in Montana; chaparral and sagebrush hills in Arizona; alpine meadows in Colorado; conifer forests in Washington; arctic tundra in Alaska. In some cases the wounds will heal naturally; in other ways they will not, at least not for millennia.” -*White House Committee on Environmental Quality, 1979*

A couple of decades ago the federal government, as well as outdoor enthusiasts of all types, realized that off-road vehicles (ORVs) were becoming a major problem in the US. Since then, the sales of ORVs have grown exponentially, as have the issues surrounding them.

Driving or riding an all-terrain vehicle, a four-wheel-drive vehicle, a four wheeler, snowmobile, or a dirtbike can be an exciting way to enjoy the outdoors in Washington State. However, motorized travel in the national forests is harmful to the environment and others who use this pristine wilderness. Motorized travel should not be allowed in the national forest.

ORVs hurt nearly every aspect of the environment they are ridden in. Many of these problems extend beyond the immediate area surrounding the trails and into sub-urban areas such as the Kittitas Valley.

Most ORVs have noisy two-stroke engines which emit 25 to 30 percent of their unburned fuel and oil into the air or streams, or onto the ground. This is obviously an unacceptable amount of pollution that is released into the air we breathe and the water we drink. The effect of these pollutants on the ecosystem of the forest itself is even more detrimental. One snowmobile emits 1,000 times more pollution than a 1988 Chevrolet Corsica.

Tens of thousands of hikers visit Snow Lake near Snoqualmie Pass each year. However, the multitudes of boots that tread on the trails to and around the lake do not have nearly the impact of the significantly fewer ORV wheels that tear up trails. The heavy, motorized vehicles compact the soil, crush plants and foliage, and cause erosion. Much of the fragile alpine flora in the national forests will be unable to regenerate after being repeatedly trampled by tires. In the fragile state the national forests are already in, further damage must be avoided at all costs. The toll that ORVs take on the forest is too heavy for them to bear.

Wildlife is also affected by ORVs. In

the last twenty years, ORVs have become more advanced. Currently they are able to travel deep into the backcountry. The noise of the motorized vehicles disturbs wildlife nesting and breeding habits.

The 2.2 million acre Wenatchee National Forest (WNF) offers many outdoor activities. ORVs are not allowed in any of the seven wilderness areas, including the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. However, ORV use is allowed on 1,500 miles of non-wilderness national forest lands, mostly on “multi-use” trails that are shared by hikers and riders.

The engine from a single ORV can be heard from at least one-half mile away, and up to two miles away. The steady whine of a dirtbike causes annoyance and takes away from the wilderness experience. A hiker cannot hear streams rushing over rocks, eagles crying, or enjoy the pristine silence that many escape to the national forests to hear.

Because ORV users do not have the weight constraints that hikers do, they are able to carry more provisions into the backcountry. More items taken in often means more items left behind. It is generally safe to assume that a hiker did not pack in a half-rack and leave crushed, charred cans behind. A hiker simply cannot afford the extra 144 ounces of weight that an ORV user can.

Last August, I hiked a portion of the County Line Trail in the WNF. This is a multi-use trail. Signs of motorized vehicle use were clear to me. The trail was wide and flat and had significantly more litter and debris than the trails in the wilderness that are closed to ORVs. Often I heard the whine of a small engine. Each time I came to a blind corner I was afraid that a dirtbike or four-wheeler would race around the corner and plow into me. As a hiker, sharing a multi-use trail with ORVs decreased my enjoyment of the hike.

Not all ORV users want to crush small plants or pollute streams and lakes. Organizations such as the Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association takes steps to ensure that responsible riding takes place through a code which encourages riders to “leave that land and vegetation as (they) found it.” However, no matter how conscientious a rider is, there is no way to stop heavy wheels from taking a toll on the surrounding environment.

ORV use should not be eliminated. It's thrilling to ride through rough terrain, and a great way to enjoy the outdoors. However, ORV use should be eliminated in the national forests. The environment is too fragile and the consequences of use too severe. Instead of damaging water sources, air quality, wildlife habitat, trail quality and safety, ORVs should be used in private areas specifically for that use. The national forests are too precious a resource to damage.

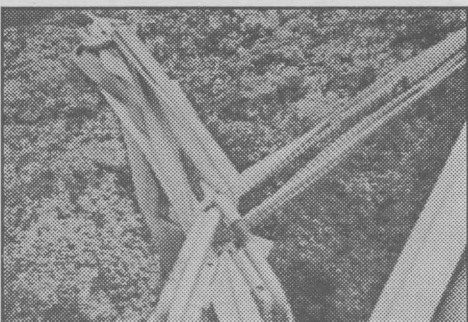


photo by Tom Perkow

The author rappels from Yellowjacket Tower under windy conditions (top).

A well constructed anchor on the summit (top right).

“Malibu” surveys the scene from his solid granite perch just below the summit pitch (bottom right).



photos by Aaron Clifford/Observer

Castle in the Sky:

Yellowjacket Tower



Somewhere between ourselves and the violent atmosphere stood Yellowjacket Tower, a small but prominent piece of solid granite perched on top of a hill like a medieval castle.

The hike was fairly steep and quickly caused a burning sensation in my calves, but the goal ahead looked very much worth the painful approach.

As we came near the base of the climb the thin trail passed through a narrow canyon made by two granite formations. Scrambling over a short rocky section and ducking under a tree, we noticed an anchor made of webbing around a nearby tree. The loose rock and soft dirt underfoot, combined with the steep angle of the slope, made the anchor almost necessary on the way to the base of the tower.

At the base we chose our footing carefully. Balancing precariously on rocks and tufts of grass we donned our harnesses and shoes and made ready for the climb.

The first pitch started as an uncomfortable scramble over rock and loose gravel. Several small trees added to the difficulty with snares made of roots and branches. Pushing my way through the tangled limbs I came out to a section of clean granite. Using a number of solid side pulls I cleared Malibu's gear and approached the first belay station we were to use.

The station was a tree, wrapped in true alpine style, with a mass of brightly colored webbing. Clipping into as much of the webbing as I could

get through my carabiner, I took a seat on the ledge neighboring the tree.

Malibu gathered his gear for the next pitch, and we cleared the rope of any potential snarls. From the belay the climb traversed to the left, and we noticed that there was a choice between climbing up to the traverse using the tree or passing through a small cave and popping up at the appropriate level. Malibu chose to climb up and over immediately, and from that point he walked to the base of the next pitch without needing any gear. Taking him off belay, I followed the casual route to the final block of granite that led to the summit.

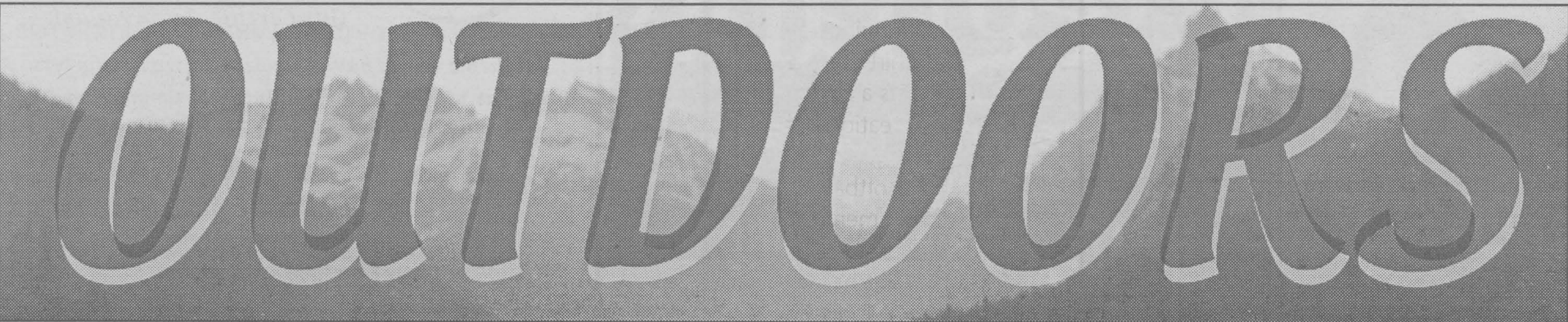
Malibu had set a sling around a granite horn near the base of the final pitch and we paused at this belay a moment to enjoy the scenery. Other parts of the Icicle Creek area were covered in snow and shrouded in mist, and gave off a mysterious Lord of the Rings feeling. The wind lashed our clothing and faces as we stood, and after a few pictures we were ready to move on to the summit.

Malibu set a few pieces of protection and made it to the summit anchors in just a couple of minutes. After a brief pause while Tom put me on belay I followed the route up, smiling despite the icy wind that tore at my skin.

We took a few chilly moments to enjoy the view of Leavenworth and the surrounding formations along Icicle Creek. Thoroughly satisfied with the view and the weather, we made a fairly uneventful belay back to the base and returned to the valley floor to climb some short pitches in a warm, sunny setting.

Although Yellowjacket Tower was not the most technically difficult or impressive climb it had some fun moves and great views and was certainly worth the effort.

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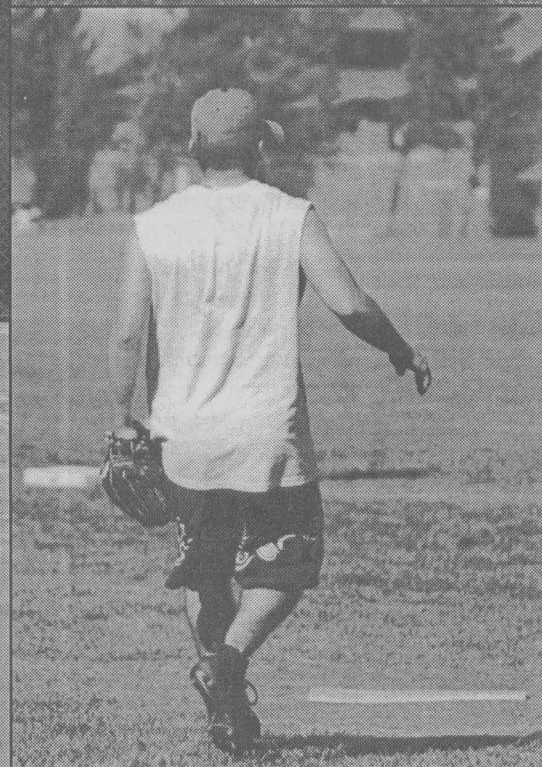
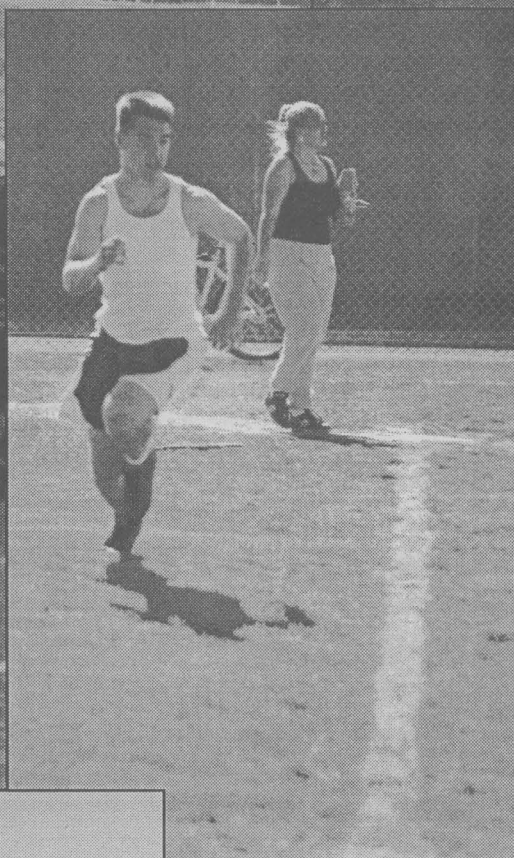
sports

Sports quote of the week

"If you train hard, you'll not only be hard, you'll be hard to beat."

— Hershel Walker

Intramural Extravaganza



Andrea VanHorn/Observer

The spring intramural sports season is almost over. Continuing this week, teams are battling to claim the "It's all about the t-shirt" prize when it's all over. Every championship team in each division gets a t-shirt as a prize. Other sports like golf are not competitive, rather recreational. Participants receive prizes from the course clubhouse.

This quarter, the intramural program offered volleyball, softball, recreational golf, basketball, and soccer. Most of these had both men's and co-ed teams.

"So far, everything has been going pretty well. We haven't had any major problems; actually it's been pretty nice," Steve Waldeck, direc-

tor of the intramural program, said. "Most people seemed to enjoy the program."

"It was fun to get out in the sunshine and play," Caleb Shana said. His team is the Absolute-Softball team, which lost in the first round of the playoffs because they didn't have their student ID's. Others had very high praises for the entire program.

Jason Steele is playing in almost every one of the competitive sports this quarter.

"Compared to other colleges, the program here is much better," Steele said.

Look Pa, I got a big 'un

Meredith Willingham
Staff reporter

Last Wednesday, I saw the weather report calling for sunny skies and warm temperatures, so I decided to break out the fishing poles and nightcrawlers and make a trip to the fishing holes around Ellensburg. I am not an experienced fisherwoman by any means, but I did grow up with a dad who is a fanatic about fly-fishing. Some of my best family vacation memories are sitting by a stream in the mountains and fishing with salmon eggs while my dad spoke to the fish in his own fly-fisherman language. He is of the type that says fly-fishing is an art that takes years to perfect. After 20 years, one of his favorite places to fish is the Yakima Canyon, treating it like a spiritual experience every time his line touches the water. He says you have to be in the right mindset, communing with the water, or else you won't receive anything in return.

I don't have quite the same reverent view towards fishing as my dad, but a few weeks ago a friend convinced me to buy a fishing license and go with him to the ponds around Ellensburg. I hadn't fished in years, and after we had caught ourselves a nice trout dinner, I had caught the bug. I wanted to go again on the next nice weekend we had. Unfortunately, there aren't very many of those nice weekends to be had here in Ellensburg, so the next chance I had was last weekend.

On Saturday, my friend decided salmon fishing would be a good idea to start out the weekend. The chances of me actually reeling in a salmon were very slim, but the weather seemed nice, so I went.

We drove to Roza Dam, which is about a

35-minute drive down the Yakima Canyon. We tried unsuccessfully to go down to the actual dam to fish right below it, but a slew of government "Keep Out" signs prevented us from getting any closer. The actual legal spot for salmon fishing was 3,500 feet downriver from the dam, so we drove about five minutes away and stopped at the mouth of the canyon in sight of Selah.

After we found a place to park, we put some smelly frozen herring on some giant hooks and cast them into the water. Sitting on a little rock island in the middle of the river, I had the chance to just sit and enjoy the beauty of the

Yakima, and wait for some salmon to take a bite. It only took an hour for our solitude to be broken by massive wind gusts and a local Selah man and his son coming down to fish.

The little boy had just learned how to cast, but was more interested in seeing how far his pole would bend than caring about other people fishing right beside him. He started jumping up and down and screaming after awhile because he thought he had a fish, but he had only caught our two lines and tangled them up. Now, I know from my father that that is just one thing that is forbidden in fishing etiquette. You can fish right next to someone, but you do not physically disturb their fishing experience.

We packed up our stuff and left in disgust after the kid snagged our line for the fourth

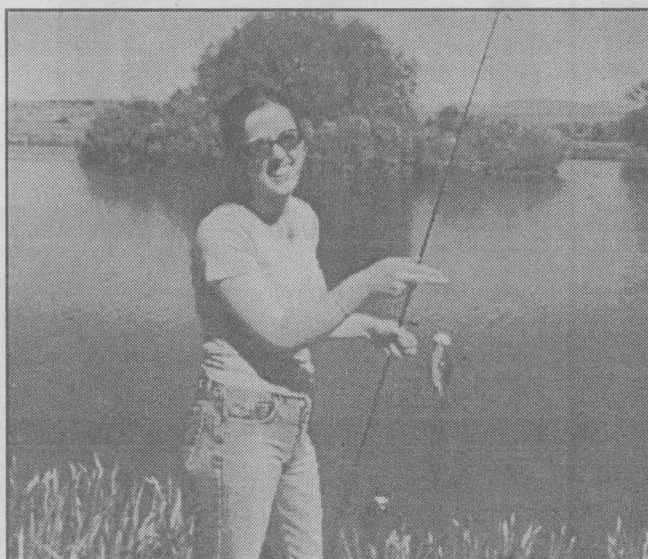


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After waiting hours for a bite, Meredith holds up her big "catch of the day."

time. I did get to talk to the kid's dad, and he informed me that people had been catching salmon like crazy up near our spot. The guy seemed like he wanted to tell me everything he knew about fishing, but since we hadn't gotten even a bite after two hours, we headed back in the direction of Ellensburg.

As we drove, it seemed like the wind got stronger the closer that we got to Ellensburg. I wanted to at least try to catch something, so we went to an unnamed pond about half a mile past Millpond Manor, and squished some Powerbait on our hooks and dropped them in the water. I don't think we lasted 10 minutes because of the severity of the wind. We decided that it would be best to just try again the next day.

It seemed to be sunnier and calmer when we

arrived at Fiorito Pond the next day. The pond can sometimes be elbow to elbow with hordes of people, but Sunday seemed to be halfway decent in terms of amount of people. Those hordes of fishing regulars probably already knew what we soon found out: the fish weren't biting that day, at least not in that pond.

I was determined to catch some fish, so we took a couple of worms and left Fiorito for Helen McCabe State Park. The weather was still absolutely perfect and I couldn't have hoped for better fishing weather. I put a big juicy worm on my hook, and as soon as my bobber hit the water, I had a bite. I didn't hook one on the first few bites, but after about half a minute, I had my first catch of the weekend. It wasn't anything very impressive; just a "pumpkin seed", or a little ugly bluegill fish. The pond was teeming with them, and before the day was done, I had hooked over 20 of them.

I was very proud of the fact that I learned how to take a fish off the hook. As a little girl, I had always had daddy do it, and my fishing partner took out the first 10 or so. I didn't want to bug him so much, so I decided to suck it up and touch some cold, slimy fish. I am sure those fish hated me, because it took me awhile to figure out the right angle to draw the hook out.

After we got tired of throwing back those dinky little fish, we decided to call it quits for the weekend. I hadn't caught anything quite as glamorous as a salmon, but I had fun and got a little bit of sun in the process. I didn't have any kind of spiritual awakening while I was sitting on the Yakima either. I did forget some stressful final projects and exams waiting for me back home while I was relaxing and waiting for the fish to bite. Maybe I did get something back from the river like my dad has always said. I made my dad proud.

Increase your sports IQ

- The average pool cue is 57 inches long.
- Horse racing was the first sport to have strict regulations on drug use.
- In 1876, Nell Saunders defeated Rose Harland in the first United States women's boxing match. Saunders received a silver butter dish as a prize.
- Edward Kennedy, future politician, scored the only touchdown for Harvard when they played Yale in 1955.
- Generally, right-handed archers shoot arrows that turn clockwise. Left-handers arrows generally turn counter-clockwise.
- The average amateur fisherman spends about \$200 a month on equipment, which adds up to a \$40 billion industry.
- The depression made in the snow by a skier who has fallen backward is called a "sitzmark."
- In golf, a "Dolly Parton" is a putt on an especially hilly green.
- A 27-inch-high silver America's Cup holds no liquid—it's bottomless.
- A female softball pitcher can throw the ball 70 miles per hour.
- A pro volleyball player can spike the ball at 80 miles per hour.

- According to the Detroit Free Press, 68 percent of professional hockey players have lost at least one tooth.
- After his infamous 1997 ear-biting attack on Evander Holyfield, the Hollywood Wax Museum moved boxer Mike Tyson's figure to the Chamber of Horrors—next to the figure of Dr. Hannibal Lecter (from Silence of the Lambs).
- As of 2000, the country of Nepal had never won an Olympic medal.
- Before 1850, golf balls were made of leather and were stuffed with feathers.
- Pianist Yanni was formerly a member of the Greek National Swimming Team.
- Maricopa County in Arizona boasts the most golf courses in the country with a reported 168, followed by Palm Beach County in Florida with 150 and Riverside County in California with 145.
- For many centuries, billiard balls were made of ivory.
- Akebono, the sumo wrestler superstar from Hawaii, weighs 516 pounds.
- Pittsburgh is the only city where all major sports teams have the same colors: black and gold.
- Pheasant hunting is believed to be Iowa's single biggest outdoor sporting event.

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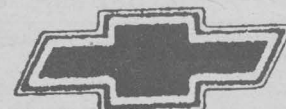
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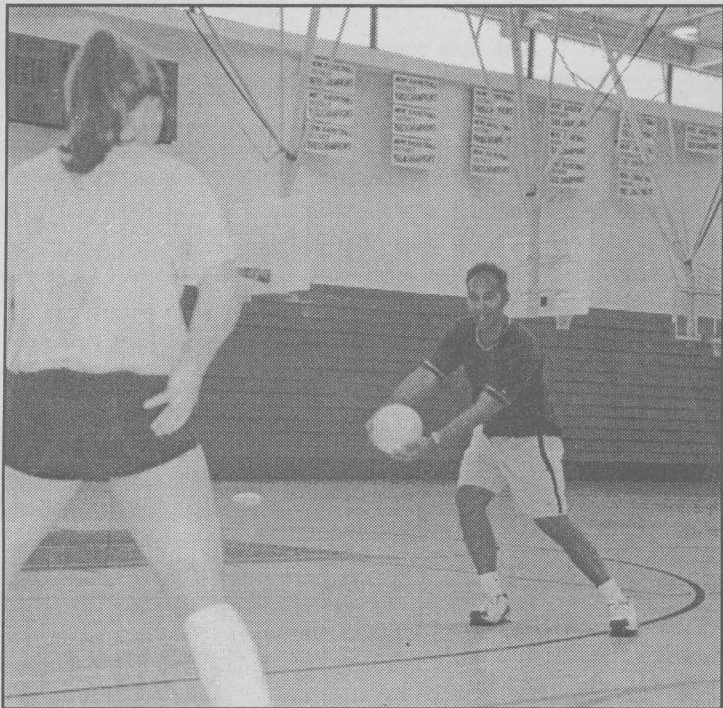
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Q & A with with Mario Andaya



Andrea VanHorn/Observer

Transfer student Jessica Scott takes some pointers from head volleyball coach Mario Andaya. The Wildcats will start their season with a match against California State University at Bakersfield on August 24.

by Dane Estes
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's head volleyball coach heads into his seventh year of coaching with high hopes. With a strong returning team coming off a positive season and a new conference to compete in, hopes are high for the Wildcats.

Observer: What positive aspects will the team take from last fall season, and this spring season?

Andaya: We have a lot of positive things that came out of last fall. Experience is the main thing we want to carry over. Some of our sophomore players had breakout seasons, like Carolyn Mires and Cerena Laurance. Some of the younger role players did too. They brought that experience into this spring season. The team had a very good spring season and we hope to carry that over to next year. With our two seniors, Katie Orgill and Kim Werkau, we should have a very

mature squad.

Observer: What are the team's goals for next year?

Andaya: Next season we want to make a run at the conference title. With the new athletic conference we're in, the Great Northwest Conference, the Hawaii schools are out, so the conference title is up for grabs. Between BYU-Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific, they've won the last three national championships so it was tough getting out of conference. Next year the conference is wide open, and the winner of the conference gets an automatic bid. We did well at conference, which was key last year, so we expect to do the same thing this year and hopefully give it a good run.

Observer: Did recruiting help to fill any holes that my have been left by losing key players?

Andaya: We lost Kari St. Martin, our all-conference setter, so that was

kind of a question mark, but we recruited Courtney Patrick, a transfer student from Columbia Basin. We also have Tess Weigel, our back-up setter from last year coming back. She'll be a key part to our offense, so we'll be strong at that position.

Observer: What are the main improvements that the team needs to make?

Andaya: We need to get a little tougher defensively to match-up better against crucial competition such as Western Washington and Seattle Pacific.

Observer: What are the team's main strengths?

Andaya: Our main strengths right now are blocking: we are one of the top blocking teams, and we have a lot of versatile attackers. We have our setting shored up for next year so we'll have a lot of offensive power to go to.

Shop around for a workout

by Meredith Willingham
Staff reporter

Summertime is just around the corner, and the gyms of Ellensburg are ready to offer ways to trim and tan your body to perfection.

The Gym, located at 208 West 5th, is planning on offering deals and specials specifically designed for students staying in town for the summer.

A student membership is \$57 for the summer, or \$25 monthly. They offer aerobics, circuit training, kickboxing, and step aerobic classes throughout the summer. For the fake and bakers, The Gym is giving a special price,

10 tans for \$22. They also give free consultations for introduction to the equipment and a plan for a workout routine.

"The biggest thing is the atmosphere," owner and manager Israel Valencia said. "People can feel relaxed and comfortable."

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Track attack: Wildcats to nationals

by Dane Estes
Staff reporter

Competing at the national meet against the best athletes in the country is undoubtedly the dream of most collegiate track and field athletes.

Three members of Central Washington University's team will have a chance to live that dream and reach their ultimate goals May 24-26 in Edwardsville, Ill.

Seniors Amy and Sarah Forrey and freshman Erik Lanigan have individually earned a spot in the 2001 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships with their provisional qualifying times.

All three athletes will be making their first appearance at an outdoor national meet.

Lanigan qualified for the meet with a personal best in the

high jump of 6-10 3/4. He is tied for eighth best in the nation in that event.

"Erik is right where he needs to be performance wise," head coach Kevin Adkisson said. "He is poised to do very well this weekend."

Sarah Forrey ranks eleventh in the nation in the 3,000 meters with a time of 10:07.98, and holds the tenth best mark in the 5,000 with a clocking of 17:20.58. Her 5,000 meter performance is the fastest by a Pacific West Conference athlete this year.

Amy Forrey will run the 5,000 meters and holds down the nation's eleventh fastest time in the event at 17:27.36. Both sisters had provisional marks in the 3,000 meters, 3,000 steeplechase, and the 5,000 meters.

At Nationals, Sarah will run the 3,000 and 5,000 meters, and Amy will opt to run only the 5,000 meters.

Both have competed in the last two cross country national meets, in which they played an integral role in Central's ten and seventh place finishes.

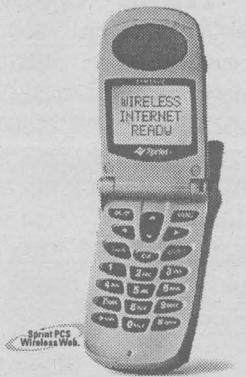
"Both Amy and Sarah are ready to have huge races," Adkisson said. "They have shown in their last few practices that they are at their peak performance level and both of them have a good shot at being All-American."

Sophomore All-American Alicen Maier had provisional marks in the 800, 1,500 and 3,000 meters, but will not compete at the national meet due to nagging leg injuries.

"Alicen would have made it into the national meet in all three events," Adkisson said. "She wouldn't have been able to compete the way she is capable of because of her injuries, so it was the best decision to let her body recover."

The national meet will be comprised of about 500 athletes from across the country.

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